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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Dycus et al. Examiner: Michael Peffley  
Serial No.: 10/848,773 Group: Art Unit 3739  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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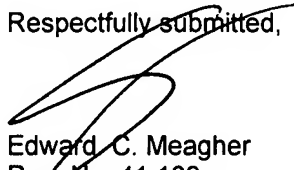
  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 13, 2007, please  
amend this application as set forth hereinbelow.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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